

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kurt Berger (Reg. No. 51,461) on August 15, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel Claims 1 and 8-26.

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 2-7** are allowed. These claims will be renumbered as 1-6.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record do not teach or suggest the claimed steps of creating print data that includes the encrypted application data and the input document authentication information, encrypting the print data using the second key information, and transmitting the print data encrypted and the second key information to the printer.

The features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art of record.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAN S. PARK whose telephone number is (571)272-7409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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